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Astronaut Evans walks in space

SPACE CENTRE, Houston (AP). — Astronaut Ronald Evans took a deep space walk yesterday, stepping out of the home-ward-bound Apollo-17 300,000 kms. from earth to retrieve film from the rear of the craft.

Allon: U.S. wants to see talks begin

Jerusalem Post Reporter The United States considers that the atmosphere has never been better than now to make progress towards peace in the Middle East.

Meir denies 'warning' to Jordan

Radio mystery still unsolved

By ASHER WALLFISH Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Golda Meir took the unusual step in the Cabinet yesterday of denying Saturday's news item on Israel Radio about a possible warning by Israel to Jordan not to disrupt border tranquility.

Sanbar on fighting inflation Either withdraw IL 900m. from circulation — or pay more taxes

By DAVID KEVINE Jerusalem Post Correspondent A Governor of the Bank of Israel, Moshe Sanbar, warned in a speech yesterday that "another year must be pumped out of inflation" to cope with inflation.

ed less than prices last year, so that average pay in terms of purchasing power actually declined during that year by 0.9 per cent.

GAHAL URGES SPRING POLL



Menachem Begin speaking at the opening session of the Herut convention at Binyanei Ha'Ooma last night.

By MARK SEGAL Jerusalem Post Political Reporter Gahal last night reiterated its call for spring elections, offering itself as the alternative to the present Government, which it claimed was discredited and losing its grip.

tion anew of the Western Land of Israel." Mr. Begin said all the Government's concessions had "only whetted the enemy's appetite and intensified international pressure on their behalf."

Sanbar had stated over Israel Radio before Finance Minister Sapir's IL20,000m. Estimates tabled in the Cabinet last week that a balanced Budget insufficient, and the Treasury plan for a surplus. Meaning that will be discussed in Government when Mr. Sapir returns from his present trip.

INCOME UP Sanbar explained yesterday private after-tax income so far at current prices, by 20 per cent (to use round numbers) in 1971, and 25 per cent in 1972, and a 30 per cent next year.

ports will grow by 17 per cent instead of this year's 11 per cent. Exports will expand by only 12 per cent, instead of this year's 17 per cent, and the trade will consequently yawm widely requiring more borrowed dollars and prices will go up by 12 per cent — instead of 6 to 8 per cent, which planners had set upper safety limit.

nin cancels British flag ceremony PALA (AP). — President Idi Amin has called off today's ceremony at which the British flag is to be raised at the spot it first flew in Uganda, 22 years ago, a government spokesman last night.

Waving his hand at the camera, Evans commented: "Speaking of being a spaceman, this is it." He began the task of retrieving two cassettes containing nearly three kilometers of film snapped by moon-mounting cameras and a package of special film which recorded results of an experiment called a lunar sander.

Cairo newsmen demand lifting of censorship

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter Cairo's 9,500-strong journalists' union has demanded that the Egyptian government lift press censorship within two weeks, it was reported in the Egyptian capital yesterday.

Danish F.M. arrives here

—Jerusalem Post Staff LOD AIRPORT. — Danish Foreign Minister Knud B. Andersen arrived here yesterday for a week's visit to Israel, less than a month after talking with Egyptian leaders in Cairo.

'Jewish majority peace condition'

By AARON SEITNER Jerusalem Post Reporter Premier Golda Meir said last night any peace settlement must provide for a decisive Jewish majority in the State of Israel.

Jordan unlikely to let terrorists reorganize

By ANAN SAFADI Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter Jordan is unlikely to allow its territory to be used for any reorganization of the terrorist movement, one of whose aims is the overthrow of King Hussein's regime.

Twelve suspects arrested Sabotage groups seized in West Bank towns

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter Three sabotage groups were recently uncovered in the West Bank towns of Nablus, Jenin and Kalkilya, authorities sources said last night.

Second radio claim

Elish Goodman, our military correspondent, adds: Informed circles last night denied reports there were signs of terrorist reorganization in Jordan.

Both Jerash and Ajlun were centres of terrorist activity in Jordan

Both Jerash and Ajlun were centres of terrorist activity in Jordan together with Irbid in the north, before the Jordanians decided to clamp down on the terror movements in September 1970, and succeeded in breaking up their bases in less than a year.

Germans must pay for Arabs' return

WASHINGTON (ENA). — A court in Mainz, West Germany, has ordered a state government to pay the full costs of returning to Germany three Arabs who were expelled following the Munich massacre, it was reported in the "Washington Post" by Joe Alex Morris, writing from Bonn yesterday.

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Seven foreign nationals expelled for offences

Seven foreign nationals, one of them a fake Ethiopian prince, were ordered expelled from the country by Interior Minister Yosef Burg yesterday.

Given a three-month suspended sentence by the Haifa Magistrates' Court for possessing and smoking hashish.

Social and Personal

President Zalman Shazar yesterday received Prime Minister Golda Meir.

Mr. Emilio Antonio Nina Ribeiro, member of the Brazilian Parliament and vice-president of the Arena Party, visited the Weizmann Institute yesterday and was received by Mr. Shmuel Yehoshua of the Institute's Electronics Department.

The Tel Aviv Municipality's Blaik Prize was awarded last night to Avraham Regeleon for his "Sherutim" and to Prof. Yehoshua Tishbi for his "Selection from Mussar Literature."

The Jerusalem West Rotary Club will hold its weekly meeting at 7 p.m. today at the Alyn Hospital for Physically Handicapped Children, in Kiryat Hayovel.

JOSEPH DALEWSKI We regret that a note in this column yesterday referred to a "memorial" for the late Joseph Dalewski.

BIRTH KOCHBA — To Chagit and Gad Kochba, a son, Assaf, grandson to Mrs. Irma Samuel and Mrs. Anne Stern Margulies, on December 13, 1956.

ARRIVALS Prof. David Lapkin, Rector of Haifa University, from a visit to the U.S.

DEPARTURES Gila Almagor, the actress and director Menahem Golan, for a week's visit to London, to work on the script of Mr. Golan's new film, "Second Love" (by M. A.).

Rumanians here to play soccer Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Rumanian League Soccer Selected arrived here last night to play against Israel at Bloomfield Stadium in Jaffa Wednesday evening.

The Rumanian party comprises 20 persons, including 15 players, six of whom played for Rumania in the last World Cup Games in Mexico. Both the Rumanian and Israeli teams will hold training sessions at Bloomfield this morning.

WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION TOUR VE'ALEH TONIGHT IN HAIFA MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 MOADON HA'OLEH — 8.30 p.m.

GAUCHITO INVITES YOU TO A NEW YEAR'S EVE FIESTA AT THE LOS TRONCOS RESTAURANT Sunday, December 31 from 9 p.m.

U.S. agrees to Dinitz as Ambassador

Washington last week gave its formal consent to the appointment of Simba Dinitz as Israel's Ambassador to the U.S.

John Phillip Vivian, a British subject accused of a number of burglaries and declared a fugitive from justice, was fined IL500 after he was apprehended and

Anteryessian spy trial opens

The trial of East Jerusalem photographer Hagop Anteryessian on charges of spying and maintaining contact with Soviet agents began yesterday in the Jerusalem District Court.

Assistant District Attorney Asher Falgi charged in court that Anteryessian had been recruited during a visit to Lebanon by Bishop Kent Grigorian, who passed him on to Soviet intelligence agent Yeghi Hagopian.

Yoskai's killers lose appeal

The convicted murderers of Yosef ("Yoskai") Mirzani — Shimon Menahem and Avraham Akrishevsky — yesterday lost appeals against their convictions and life sentences in the Supreme Court in Jerusalem.

Druse girl finds asylum — and husband — here

HAIFA. — The Interior Ministry has granted asylum to a 20-year-old Druse girl from a village near Amman, who refused to return home because her parents wanted to force her to wed a Moslem.

INSIDE. — People in Sydney, hot and dry at this time of the year, can expect a near plague of insects for seventh and eighth grade classes warned yesterday.

Rhodis (Zala) Safarady Itzhak Lustgarten MARRIED The wedding took place at the Tel Aviv Chief Rabbinate on December 14, 1956.

LECTURES AND SYMPOSIA AT THE VAN LEER JERUSALEM FOUNDATION DECEMBER 1972 Dr. SHABTAI UNGURU Department of History of Science, University of Oklahoma

THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA JERUSALEM Subscription Concert, Series No. 2 will take place tonight, Monday, Dec. 18, at 8.30 p.m. at Binyanei Ha'Ooma.



YOSSI X-RAYED. — Technician tries to coax Yossi, the disputed Kiryat Bialik parrot, off the wrong end of an X-ray machine yesterday during his examination for traces of an early injury.

Rehovot mayor warns of threat to citrus groves

By YITZHAK OKED Jerusalem Post Reporter REHOVOT. — The Mayor of Rehovot, Shmuel Reichtman, has warned that the city's green belt of 14,000 dunams of citrus groves are being threatened by business speculators.

He told a press conference here yesterday that business investors had recently bought a 38-dunam grove which they had subdivided into plots for sale.

N.Y. ARCHITECT: Making T.A. look like Miami Beach

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The fear that Tel Aviv's seafront will soon look "like Miami Beach" was expressed by the Jerusalem Post yesterday by Edgar Tafel, a leading New York architect and former associate of the legendary Frank Lloyd Wright.

Mr. Tafel, whose 20-man office has designed community centres, community colleges, churches, chapels and synagogues, is here to deliver a series of lectures on "The Frank Lloyd Wright I Knew."

Principals won't strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — A threatened strike by 50 elementary school principals for various parts of the country this morning has been called off.

T.A. police officers promoted

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Six veteran police officers in the Tel Aviv District were promoted last week in a small, festive ceremony presided over by the commander of the Tel Aviv Police, Nitzav David Ofer.

The head of the Central Investigations Division, Rav-Pakad Armand Levi, and the deputy head of the Jaffa Police Subdistrict, Rav-Pakad Bahanim Komfor, were also promoted to the rank of Sgan-Nitzav.

Herut convention

(Continued from Page One) brought three wars on Israel and that a new one would endanger national survival.

Mr. Begin said he opposed the proposal for a partial agreement. He said that the U.S., in aiding Israel, recognized that the Suez Canal closure had saved many thousands of American soldiers' lives by lengthening Soviet supply routes to Indochina.

Mr. Begin attacked Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir for having warned that "the territories will strangle us," arguing that the low immigration forecasts five years ago had been disproved by the turn of events.

The Herut leaders made only restrained references to the suspected Syrian sabotage ring. Mr. Weizman sent greetings to two pilots in Arab captivity, "both sons of Hashomer Hatzair kibbutzim."

Le Duc Tho in Peking

PEKING (Reuters). — The chief North Vietnamese negotiator at the Paris peace talks, Mr. Le Duc Tho, met Chinese leaders here yesterday.

Maki warns against 'anti-left demagogy'

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Spy-ring suspects reconstruct meeting with alleged boss Turki

Artal Hamdoh said he had met Turki near the Sotel Boshel building and had walked along Rehov Hanevrim with him. During their walk Turki had asked him to join the ring and he had "not refused."

Early in the morning, when the reconstruction drew wide attention. But later on, the police escorts including men armed with Uzi sub-machineguns and plainclothes detectives — had to keep the crowds away. Now and then excitement rose, and shouts of vengeance were heard.

In deep sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved Dr. NACHUM (NIOMA) GITLER The funeral will leave today, Monday, December 18, 1956, from the Tel Aviv Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Dafna, for the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.



The new boardwalk between Tel Aviv and Jaffa, in an area earmarked for a large park.

Sharp disagreement' with Dayan 'Passport' lists 'rights' of Mapam supports 'Eban, Sapir, Ofer, Eliav'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
 EL AVIV. — One of Mapam's members within the Labour Alignment to "strengthen" those persons whose viewpoints — such as Foreign Minister Abba Eban, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and Deputy Minister Avraham Ofer and Lyova Eliav. This was stated yesterday by Mapam political secretary Natshai Feder, speaking at the party's national convention, which opened on December 27 at a Cinerama hall here.

The Mapam spokesman confirmed that "Mapam is sharply in disagreement with Moshe Dayan, and this is expressed at the convention, though Dayan has not published a clear programme, we wish to pose what we believe is his correct views and in which direction he is heading," Mr. Feder said. However, Mr. Feder denied the party's responsibility for personal attacks made by some of its members who advocated heavy-handedness in the Alignment. Changing the latter had been blown up out of proportion, he said the party did not hold responsible for any phrase uttered by individual members.

He also denied the "slogan" of the pro-Alignment majority in Mapam was "Save the Labour Party in Dayan."

"We do say, however, that there are people close to our viewpoint in the Labour Party whom we wish to strengthen," Mr. Feder said.

Mapam is particularly at odds with the "Land of Israel" supporters in the Labour Party, who include the party's Deputy Secretary-General, Mordechai Surikis, C.

WILD GENERALIZATIONS

Replying to questions, the Mapam political secretary warned against "wild generalizations" over the fact that one of the suspected members of the recently uncovered spy ring is a "son" of Gan nuel — a Mapam (Hashomer Hatzair) kibbutz. He said there had been only two Mapam members in Gan Shmuel, and both had left the city. As to the alleged presence of Stah (the New Left-style up) in the kibbutzim, Mr. Feder said, "No one knows what is all about. All we can say is that the recent Kibbutz Arzi (former Hatzair kibbutz federation) convention resolved that Mapam is the party of the kibbutz movement — individuals can belong to other parties."

Mr. Feder said he understood there were about 300 members of Stah in the entire country, the focus of the activities being in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Beer Sheva.

880 DELEGATES

The Mapam convention will be attended by 880 delegates representing 300 party members — as compared with 84,500 at the last convention in 1968. Membership is evenly divided between the kibbutz and urban branches.

Mr. Feder rejected charges that members had been coopted at the last moment onto the convention and committee to counterbalance an anti-Alignment faction within the party.

Guests at the opening session will include Premier Shazar, Greeting Secretary-General Golda Meir, Deputy Secretary-General Ben-Aharon, Labour Party Secretary-General Avraham Yadin and Tel Aviv Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz.

Mapam Secretary-General Meir Ya'ari will deliver the keynote address.

After discussing proposed amendments to Mapam's "peace plan" — which include leaving the future of the Gaza Strip open (the original Mapam plan supported the Government line that Gaza should become part of Israel) — the delegates will devote a whole day's sessions to a debate on social and economic policies and a vote on the future of the Alignment.

Y'ARI RETIREMENT

The final sessions will tackle the all-important organizational issue. The delegates will be asked to set up a new collective leadership framework to follow the impending retirement of Meir Ya'ari. Mr. Feder noted, "It is inconceivable that Ya'ari will be outside our executive forums even after he steps down as secretary-general."

One proposal calls for two secretary-generals — one from the kibbutz and one from the urban branch of the party.

The judges: 'An immoral sadist' Girl gets 15 years for murder on sand dunes

TEL AVIV. — An 18-year-old girl, who helped her boyfriend plot and carry out the murder of another man, listened impassively yesterday as three District Court judges sentenced her to 15 years' imprisonment.

The girl and her friend, Sara Antar, 21, were found guilty last week of strangling Marco Sa'ada, a 25-year-old immigrant from Lebanon, on a lonely sand dune in Holo in May 1971. Antar was sentenced to life imprisonment.

The girl, whose sentence was passed only yesterday, was described by the court as an "immoral sadist." Her name was withheld from publication because she was a minor when the murder was committed.

Before passing sentence, Court President Ze'ev Zeltzer said he said his colleagues — Judges Shulamit Wallenstein and Moshe Belsky — had never had "a more difficult duty to perform." The psychiatrist who examined the girl had been unable to find out "what made her tick." But they were all agreed that she had a seriously disturbed personality.

The judges also noted the psychiatrist's opinion that the girl should receive psychiatric treatment while serving her prison sentence, but he couldn't "guarantee results."

Hebrew-Arabic ulpan starts sixth season

Jerusalem Post Reporter
 Hundreds of Jews and Arabs gathered last night in the Jerusalem Theatre to celebrate the opening of the sixth annual Hebrew-Arabic ulpan at the Ecco Homo convent in the Old City.

Among those attending the celebration were members of Arab-Jewish community centres in Haifa and Acre, as well as residents of East and West Jerusalem.

The ulpan has 230 students this year in five Hebrew and five Arabic classes. Dr. Kalmann Yaron of the Hebrew University, who instituted the project shortly after the Six Day War, estimated last night that 2,500 Jews, Moslems and Christians had completed the ulpan since its inception.

In addition to four hours of language study each week, the students also participate in cultural and social events. The programme is administered by the university's Martin Buber Centre. The premises are made available by the Sisters of Zion.

When the Martin Buber Centre's new building is completed on Mount Scopus next year, Dr. Yaron said, it will contain an Arab-Jewish Community Centre.

Published in the thousands by Bar-Ilan University, the passports will be sent to scientists and institutions throughout the world as an ironic comment on the plight of Soviet Jews.

The red-coloured passports are "for academics only," according to the printing on the cover. Inside appears the owner's name and profession: scientist; nationality: Jewish; address: the Soviet Union; period: the 20th century. Among the restrictions listed in the passport are "immigration to the bearer's homeland, receiving publications from abroad, attending scientific conferences abroad, leaving one's place of residence and publishing research, without permission."

The bearer's rights include the right to be sent to Siberia, to be imprisoned in a labour camp, to be committed to a mental hospital, to be exiled from district to district, and to lose his job for no reason at all.

TEL AVIV. — Mekorot workers will go out on general strike December 31 — disrupting the supply of water to the nation — unless the water company takes back its announced intention of selling one of its subsidiaries. The decision was taken during a one-day strike and general meeting of the workers yesterday at Cinerama Hall.

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The workers fear that the proposed sale of Mekorot Mayim, a subsidiary, to Solel Boneh will be followed by the sale of other Mekorot departments and will thus threaten their jobs. (The spokesman for the Minister of Agriculture has confirmed that the company would like to sell all its contracting divisions to Solel Boneh.)

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Mekorot workers pack the Cinerama hall in Tel Aviv during their one-day strike yesterday. (Starphoto)

Regular water supply threatened by strike

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Immigration up in 1972 despite drop from America

Jerusalem Post Reporter
 The number of immigrants in 1972 will total 56,500 compared to 42,000 last year — according to Arye Pincus, chairman of the Zionist Executive. But there is a big drop in North American immigration.

Mr. Pincus said Soviet immigrants will total 30,000, of whom one-third are from Georgia. He told a meeting of the Executive in Jerusalem that emigration from Israel of Russian newcomers was negligible.

Concern was expressed at the meeting at the decline in immigration from affluent countries. There will be 5,800 from North America this year compared to 8,200 last year. France showed a decline from 3,200 to 2,200, and England from 1,400 to 1,000. Immigration from Argentina, on the other hand, rose from 2,100 to 2,600; and 500 Uruguayan Jews came this year, compared to 400 in 1971.

Mr. Pincus noted that 40 per cent of immigrants pass through absorption centres. The importation of house trailers by the Housing Ministry for use in absorption centres will free some apartments in these centres for permanent housing.

The discussions touched on the necessity of advising prospective young immigrants in affluent countries about the professions in demand in Israel. A growth was noted in the number of immigrants who have professions unsuited to Israel's economy, it was noted.

Immigrant group blasts tax changes

Jerusalem Post Reporter
 Changes in customs exemption rules for immigrants were attacked as "unfair and ridiculous" yesterday by an official of Hitaadut Olai Britania (the U.K. immigrants association). Mrs. Priscilla Jacobson, secretary of the Tel Aviv branch, told The Post it was "unjust to penalize thousands of olim for the illegal acts of a few dishonest immigrants and unscrupulous dealers."

Mrs. Jacobson was commenting on new tax regulations announced yesterday by David Peled, director of Customs, which are aimed at curbing illegal exploitation of immigrants' rights. The new rules ban import of a second tax-free car and all duty-free gift parcels from road.

"The restrictions on parcels are a particularly severe blow, especially for single people, who can hardly anticipate their needs before they arrive here," said Mrs. Jacobson.

LITTLE LEFT
 "A young woman immigrant who gets a job as a secretary at IL600 or IL850 a month has little left after paying for rent and food for clothes. She must depend on duty-free gift packages from her family abroad. By cancelling that privilege you are in effect saying to these people, 'Don't come.'"

Mrs. Jacobson said the subject would probably be raised at an inter-organization meeting of all immigrants' organizations scheduled for later this week.

A spokesman for the Absorption Ministry said his Ministry was consulted prior to the changes and does not object to the new rules. A Jewish Agency spokesman said the same thing but added, "There are a few details in the changes we are looking into very carefully and may comment on them at a later date."

Dies of burns from cooker

TEL AVIV. — A Ramat Gan woman died here on Saturday of burns sustained in a kitchen when a kerosene cooker overturned and set her clothing alight.

The woman, Lucia Mintzer, 59, who lived alone in Rehov Bialik, had been using the cooker in her home to heat an iron. She was taken to Ichilov Hospital in a critically condition. All efforts to save her life failed.

Hollywood pioneer dead at 79

MUNICH (Reuter). — William Dieterle, one of the famous film directors of the early days of Hollywood, has died in Munich at the age of 79. Dieterle, whose best-known film is probably "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" starring Charles Laughton, died on December 8, but his death was not announced until Saturday.

1,600 ARAB and Druze students are attending Israeli universities this year, one-third of them at Haifa University.

Fights erupt in angry queue Lod customs clerks close shed again

LOD AIRPORT. — Clerks shut the doors of the customs shed here in the face of an angry crowd at 10 a.m. yesterday — and announced they would keep them shut to the public until Wednesday.

The customs clerks were repeating a tactic they have used on and off for several months in their dispute with the Department of Customs and Excise. Tension in the already-irritated crowd erupted in arguments and fistfights when the people in line found themselves shut out. Police had to be called in to restore order.

The customs men, who handle shipments of airfreight, have been at odds with the department for some time over what they say is a work overload that has developed in the last few years. They had looked sanctions in early November, but were persuaded by the Histadrut to go back to work to enable the dispute to be settled quietly.

They have been demanding extra effort pay to compensate for their heavy workload. They have rejected a study committee recommendation that the answer is to put on more men.

Works council chairman Michael Semyon told reporters yesterday that none of the responsible bodies had contacted the clerks in the interim to discuss a settlement. He said the men would take more serious steps if the customs management and the Civil Service Commission did not contact them by Wednesday.

Mr. Semyon complained that the clerks could not handle the work volume due to shortage of manpower and space in the customs shed. The customs administration sends most of the shipments to warehouses in Tel Aviv and makes the public run back and forth between there and Lod. This arouses a lot of public bitterness against us," he declared.

The clerks will still come to work during the three-day "sanction" period, but only to do "internal work."

Missing man found sleeping in woods

Jerusalem Post Reporter
 HAIFA. — An elderly man, who went out for a walk on Saturday and didn't come home, was found by a police tracker early yesterday morning — sleeping peacefully in a wood not far from where he lives.

The man, 72-year-old Gabor Schreiber, was reported missing from the Gil boarding house in Tivon at 10 p.m. Saturday. Police immediately sent out a search party headed by Becker Muhammed Suweidat.

Four hours later, at 2 a.m. Sunday, Suweidat found his man — alive, well and snoring under a tree.

Navy officer gets 10 years for killing faithless wife

HAIFA. — "Any reasonable man finding his wife in a nightgown in another man's house at midnight is apt to lose his mental balance," the verdict read. But the District Court yesterday nevertheless sentenced a 40-year-old Navy officer, Semyon Shmulevitz, to 10 years' imprisonment for killing his wife at the home of her lover.

The court held that the prosecution had failed to prove its charges of premeditation.

The three-man court reviewed the facts of the case before passing sentence. Wed in 1957, the couple's marriage soon went on the rocks. The wife, Sara, left her husband 10 years ago but returned to him after he threatened to kill himself. They had two sons, aged eight and 10.

Sara, a 36-year-old laboratory technician, later fell in love with Alexander Harry, 52, a nature healer from Tivon, who was treating her for an ailment. Suspecting something was wrong, Shmulevitz hired a private detective to shadow his wife.

Learning she had gone to Harry's house last July 14, Shmulevitz "borrowed" an Uzi from his Navy base and took a taxi to Tivon. However, the court held that this did not prove he planned to kill his wife. It believed that at this stage Shmulevitz still intended to force his wife to return to him — perhaps by again threatening to commit suicide.

Shmulevitz forced his way into Harry's house. In an exchange of shots he wounded Harry in the arm and was himself shot in the leg. The court acquitted Shmulevitz of attempted murder, finding that Harry had fired first with his pistol. The accused was found guilty of committing bodily injury.

Then Sara came out of a bedroom, dressed in a nightgown. The fact that Shmulevitz did not shoot her at this point was another indication that he hadn't planned to kill her, the judges said. Instead, she ran outside into the yard, followed by her husband who pleaded with her to halt. When she kept on running, he shot and killed her with his Uzi.

The court could not acquit the accused, despite a psychiatrist's opinion that he had subjectively — albeit illogically — hoped to win back his wife by firing his weapon. Distraught as he was, the accused was guilty of manslaughter because "he was capable of realizing the tragic consequences of his action."

The three-man bench comprised Judges Emanuel Slonim, Avraham Friedman and Luba Fortuna. (Itim)

Kenneth Clark series at Israel Museum

The Israel Museum's Art Film Club begins this week screenings of Sir Kenneth Clark's series "Civilization" (in colour). The first film in the series will be screened at 4.30 p.m. tomorrow and again on Wednesday evening at 9.15 p.m. Entrance is free to Museum members and students.

VISITING HOURS at Hadassah-Balfour Hospital in Tel Aviv will henceforth be (daily) between from 4 to 4.30 p.m., 2 to 2.30 p.m. on Fridays and holiday eves.

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Situating in the heart of Switzerland, Bern is the ideal base for excursions into the alpine wonderland of the Bernese Oberland. The ideal place for Israelis to stay in Bern is the Bellevue Palace Hotel, the finest in town. You'll be welcomed with a hearty "Shalom" by a friendly, efficient staff and enjoy quality service in a distinguished atmosphere — at special rates. Call your travel agent or any Swissair office and insist on Bern and the Bellevue Palace Hotel.

SWISSAIR



Egypt bid to revive Big Power efforts

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Egypt is seeking to get the Big Powers active once again on the Middle East issue, it was learned yesterday.

Kuwait, Cyprus set up ties with E. Germany

Both Kuwait and Cyprus have decided to establish diplomatic relations with East Germany at ambassadorial level.
Kuwait Education Minister Jassim al-Marzuq announced yesterday that the decision was in acknowledgement of the wishes of the Democratic Republic of Germany. His statement said the Kuwaiti Cabinet had yesterday reviewed relations between Kuwait and other countries, and had expressed the wish to fulfill a previous agreement for establishing ambassadorial relations with West Germany.
In Nicosia it was announced yesterday that Cyprus and East Germany have decided to establish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level from this Thursday.

discussion by the powers was expressed in meetings which Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Ismail Fahmi had last week with the ambassadors to Cairo of the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China. Fahmi also conferred on Saturday with the U.S. ambassador, Mr. Joseph Greene, it was reported yesterday.

Mr. Greene was expected to report this week to his government on Egypt's views concerning Washington's proposal to renew diplomatic contacts with Cairo and Jerusalem over an interim agreement aimed at reopening the Suez Canal. Despite recent belligerent statements by Egypt, Egyptian spokesmen have indicated that the government may still cooperate with the U.S. towards an interim settlement.

Meanwhile, Egyptian Vice-President Hussein Shafiq said yesterday that Egyptians "would not be dragged into a battle with Israel before they can stop the pouring of free weapons on her and would not negotiate with it as long as it occupied Arab land."

He was speaking to "a crowd of people" during a three-day visit to an advanced position on the Red Sea front-line, "Al Ahram" newspaper said.

Jordan moots common Xmas, Easter dates

AMMAN (AP). — Church leaders in Jordan have proposed common dates for celebrating Christmas and Easter, a committee representing all churches here announced yesterday.

The announcement said that an agreement in principle had been reached with churches in Syria and Lebanon whereby Christmas and Easter would be observed according to the Gregorian and the Julian calendars respectively. But the final decision will be up to three patriarchs in Jerusalem. The committee will send a delegation to Jerusalem to seek the three patriarchs' approval, the announcement added.

If the Jerusalem patriarchs endorse the proposal, Christmas would be observed by all churches on December 25 every year and Easter according to the eastern church's lunar calendar.

Peking exempted from paying Taiwan U.N. debt

UNITED NATIONS (UPI). — The budgetary committee of the General Assembly has voted to virtually write off a \$28.6m. debt owed by Nationalist China, rather than transfer the debt to Taiwan's successor, Communist China.

The decision to place Nationalist China's debt in a special deficit account — which diplomats said means it probably never will be paid — was voted 47-8 with 20 abstentions.

When the Nationalist Chinese were ousted from the U.N. Oct. 25 1971, they owed \$16.5m. to the U.N.'s regular budget, \$5.3m. for the U.N. force stationed in the Middle East prior to the Six Day War, and \$6.7m. for the U.N. peace-keeping operation in Congo.

Communist China has categorically refused to take over this debt.



Young man is grabbed by policeman during demonstration in Paris on Saturday protesting the death of an Algerian worker, Mohammed Diab, in the Versailles central police station on November 29. Diab was killed by a burst of sub-machinegun fire while being questioned. (AP radiophoto)

East Germany warns on L-bombs Hongkong Jews told of kidnap threat

LONDON (INA). — Jews in Hongkong have been privately warned to guard against kidnap attempts by Palestinian terrorists. Meanwhile, East German police are warning the country's Jewish communities against possible parcel-bombs in mail postmarked from the Far East.

The London "Sunday Times" reporting from Hongkong said yesterday Jewish families there have been privately given an urgent warning to guard against possible attempts by Palestinian agents to kidnap their children.

The warning came from Israel's Hongkong consulate, the "Sunday Times" said, and urged the families wherever possible to escort their children personally to and from school and elsewhere.

East German police are warning Jewish communities throughout the country against possible parcel-bomb attacks at Christmas.

Jews are being told to keep a sharp watch on all suspicious mail, especially parcels, bulky letters, and calendars postmarked from the Far East.

Meanwhile, in an interview with the "Sunday Express" said Hammami, the London representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization, said he expects an attempt will be made to kill him.

READY TO STRIKE
"I believe that some fanatical Zionists are getting ready to strike, and I reckon they could make their move any time between now and the Moslem celebration of the New Year," Hammami said.

A day and night guard has been mounted by Scotland Yard special branch on Hammami, his wife, and two children the "Express" said.

Hammami told the newspaper that after the Munich Olympic Games murders (of 11 Israeli athletes) he and his family received threatening letters and telephone calls. "The letters threatened to blow me up if I did not leave the country. I handed them to Scotland Yard. Then suddenly the letters and the telephone calls stopped about a week ago. My theory is that when your enemy stops threatening you, he is preparing for action," Hammami said.

Zermatt votes to keep out car traffic
ZERMATT (Reuters). — The inhabitants of this resort in the shadow of the Matterhorn mountain voted yesterday to keep their village free of car traffic.

They rejected a proposal to extend to Zermatt the surface road which at present ends further down the Alpine valley in which the village lies at an altitude of 1,620 metres. The road winds through the Valais Alps from the Rhone valley town of Visp.

The thousands of tourists who swell Zermatt's resident population of about 3,000 at present arrive and leave by a narrow-gauge mountain railway from Visp.

Cornered bandit shoots brother, kills himself
SINGAPORE. — A young gangster shot his brother dead and then killed himself in a Moslem cemetery rather than surrender to a tightening police net, officers said yesterday.

Wahab Hassan 24, and his 21-year-old brother, Mustapha, who police called "desperados," were found dead as detectives cautiously advanced after the shooting on Saturday night. The brothers had two gun-fights with police in 48 hours.

Mustapha was wounded and confined to a public hospital but his brother rescued him on Wednesday in a commando style raid. Wahab accidentally shot his brother in the leg after that while cleaning his gun, police said, so they could not flee to the neighbouring Rho Islands.

On Saturday night police cornered them in the graveyard. They heard one shot and a voice yell in Malay, "I am already crazy," and then a second shot. Wahab, who escaped from prison, where he was serving a sentence for armed robbery, had vowed he would never give himself up to the police. (AP, Reuters)

Haig to Saigon Hanoi raps Kissinger's 'deliberate distortion'

PARIS. — North Vietnamese delegation to the Paris peace talks yesterday described U.S. envoy Dr. Henry Kissinger's public report on the cease-fire negotiations as a "deliberate distortion."

A spokesman for the delegation, Mr. Nguyen Thanh Le, said in a statement that the U.S. had sought substantive changes in the draft accord made public on October 26 and not Hanoi, as Dr. Kissinger told a press conference in Washington on Saturday.

However, he described his remarks as "preliminary" and said the delegation had not yet seen a full official text of Dr. Kissinger's remarks. But if news agency reports of the conference were correct, "we feel it regrettable that the U.S. side has once again acted at variance with the agreement that both parties shall not publicly comment on the substance of the private talks."

The U.S. side had "deliberately distorted the facts, claiming that the D.R.V. (North Vietnamese) side had demanded changes to many questions, and that it had thus created obstacles to the conclusion of an agreement. That is completely untrue," he said.

The spokesman said it was known that President Nixon had sent a message to North Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Van Dong on October 20, acknowledging that the text of an agreement might be considered completed, and proposing October 31 as a date to sign it.

"Afterwards, the U.S. insisted on changing many substantive questions, including many questions of principle," he added.

The North Vietnamese delegation wanted the agreement decided upon on October 20 to be maintained, "but if the U.S. side insists on changing it, our side will have also to propose necessary changes."

If the U.S. really desired to respond to "the aspirations of the American people and the world people," it should sign the agreement, he said.

WOULD ACCEPT AMERICAN'S MONEY
Solzhenitsyn says he is not 'well off'

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Russian Nobel prize winner Alexander Solzhenitsyn said yesterday he was in a "desperate" financial situation and that he would accept as a loan an American author's offer of help.

In a statement made available to correspondents, Solzhenitsyn replied to Soviet Culture Minister Yekaterina Furtseva's description of him as "well off."

She told a press conference here last week that Solzhenitsyn had bought more than one car and did not need help.

Solzhenitsyn said on his statement that he was "deeply touched" by the offer of U.S. author Albert MaRz to make over to him the royalties he says are due to him from Soviet editions of his books.

Describing MaRz's proposal as "one of the manifestations of the noble international solidarity of writers," Solzhenitsyn said: "Because of the desperate nature of my situation, I would, even if it is very embarrassing, accept the money as a loan, with compulsory repayment."

At the press conference Mrs. Furtseva denied that Soviet publishing houses owe MaRz money, pointing out that her country does not belong to the international copyright convention.

"For seven years," Solzhenitsyn said in his reply, "they have denied me money and housing; I have no roof of my own and I have nothing with which to buy even the most modest small house. My only car which I had been using for 11 years, was sold to prolong my existence and I have not got a much car."

"I would never dare to judge by other money Mrs. Furtseva has, but I am prepared to believe she has Soviet money at all, just like me."

40,000 homeless as fire sweeps Burmese town
RANGOON (Reuters). — Five firemen were killed and more than 40,000 people left homeless when a fire swept through the town of M'gu in Lower Burma on Saturday according to press reports.

Over 7,000 houses were reported destroyed in the 14-hour blaze, which gutted 18 warehouses, schools and an ice factory.

The five firemen were killed when their fire engine overturned, but there were no reports of other casualties.

Early estimates put the damage at nearly \$2m. Urgent relief measures were underway, the reports added.

In Malaysia, a state of emergency was declared yesterday in Kelantan, bordering southern Thailand following floods caused by three days of continuous monsoon rains. Five persons were known dead.

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NEW FRENCH C.P. BOSS TAKES OVER

PARIS (AP). — Georges Marchais, a former metal worker, took over yesterday as leader of the French Communist Party, which could, within a leftist unity front, defeat the Gaullists in next year's legislative elections.

Mr. Marchais, 52, was voted Secretary-General by the Central Committee at the Party's 20th Congress, replacing Waldeck Rochet, 66, who has been ill for three years. The former leader was given the title of Honorary President.

For Mr. Marchais the promotion was in name only, because he has in fact been running party affairs since 1970, when he was named Assistant Secretary-General. Marchais' main task over the past two years has been cementing a leftist alliance of the two main French socialist parties and the Communist Party to attempt to defeat the Gaullist majority in the parliamentary elections that are expected in February or March.

"Long live the France of the Democratic spring," he shouted in concluding his main speech to the party congress, a phrase in which he seemed to be trying to summarize his reassurances that the French Communist Party is a democratic one and not under Soviet control.

The theme has been picked up by the non-Communist left, which is attempting to convince the electorate that there are enough guarantees in its arrangement with the Communists to maintain the security of democratic institutions. The approach may be working because the latest national opinion poll showed 45 per cent of the vote going to the leftist front and 38 per cent to the Gaullists.

"Everyone is now aware of it," Marchais said in his closing speech yesterday. "The union is on its way, it can lead to the victory of the left, to the realization of the social and democratic reforms called for by the joint programme. Yes, very definitely, the left can win."



GEORGES MARCHAIS (AP radiophoto)

S.A. whites BORMANN LOOK-ALIKE on 900 kms. GETS CRANK THREATS protest hike

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa (AP). — Whites aren't normally seen walking alongside South Africa's main roads. But this oddly assorted little group in bush hats, shorts, veid boots and machin-toshas, strung out in single file to avoid holiday traffic, was different.

It comprised five priests and two university lecturers who set out on foot from Grahamstown, 130 kilometres northeast of here, on Saturday to walk 914 kms. to Cape Town on a pilgrimage to draw attention to what it calls the evils of the migrant labour system. Their pilgrimage is also an act of penitence for their involvement in the system, the group said. They will hold services en route and sleep wherever they can.

Under South Africa's migrant labour system Africans from rural areas taking jobs in white towns are not allowed to bring their families with them.

Before the walkers set off, the Anglican Bishop of Grahamstown, the Rt. Rev. Bill Burnett, said at a special service: "Migrant labour is a social evil we have lived with for many years. One may reluctantly accept the necessity for some bread-winners to be absent from their homes for prolonged periods, but it is something quite different to build migrant labour into the normal structure."

The walkers include the Rev. David Russell, who earlier this year demonstrated what conditions were like in resettlement camps by living for four months on camp rations. With him are the Rev. Alhol Jennings, joint General Secretary of the Methodist Church Youth Department and a former mine runner, as well as five other churchmen and university lecturers.

BUENOS AIRES (AP). — An Argentine school teacher said Saturday that he is receiving threatening telephone calls because he was identified in a series of newspaper articles as Nazi war criminal Martin Bormann.

Rudolfo Nicholas Siri, 54, said ten people have called so far and most have identified themselves as Jews, Nazis or Peronist militants. Each accused Siri of impersonating Bormann to hurt their group's interests, he said, and each threatened "reprisals."

"For example, one sector called me and said to me that I was a bastard in the service of the Jews... that was last week," Siri said in an interview with the Associated Press. "They said I was in the service of the Jews... that all this was a Jewish conspiracy to hurt Peron... that in consequence my home would be blown up."

Juan Peron, Argentina's President after World War II and still a popular leader, was accused in the five-part newspaper series of permitting Bormann to hide in Argentina, a charge Peron denies.

"Afterwards I received another call, for example, from another sector," Siri related. "They called me and they said to me that I was talking with the Maccabee Socialist Youth. This group said they would blow up my home because I am a Nazi — they said, you are lending yourself to a diversionary manoeuvre or one of distraction to hide Bormann's true location."

Siri's lawyer said his client was considering the possibility of legal action. The articles were published in the London "Daily Express" and "New York Daily News" and other papers and were written by Ladislao Farago and Stewart Ewen.

Photographs of Siri published with the articles carried captions which said the Argentine teacher had been identified as Bormann.

Siri is a fat, balding, white-haired man, about five feet, four inches tall. He has taught psychology for years at a labour union school which trains nurses. He was born in a rural town near Buenos Aires of Italian immigrant parents, although he says he has been mistaken for German because of his blond complexion. Even though Siri is only 54, perhaps he has some features Bormann might have if he were alive today.

Bormann, however, would be 72.



Rudolfo Siri shows identify cards to prove he is Argentinian born. (AP radiophoto)

Seven Indians buried in molasses flood

NEW DELHI (UPI). — A thick layer of molasses that burst out of an underground tank on Friday in Gangavanti Town in Southern Mysore State, 640 kms. southeast of Bombay, buried seven persons, the Press Trust of India said yesterday.

The Agency said the tank burst "under pressure" when workers were digging a pit near it for a new tank. Seven workers, including women and children, were trapped by the flowing molasses and killed. The site of accident was a sugar factory.

Disease kills British pigs

LONDON (AP). — A new outbreak of the deadly swine disease that has already forced the slaughter of more than 3,000 pigs, 133 cattle, 150 sheep and one goat, was discovered on Saturday.

The discovery came as British scientists worked swiftly to isolate the Vesicular Exanthema virus which they fear is a more deadly strain than that which hit pig herds previously in Italy and Hongkong. The epidemic broke out early last week in Staffordshire and was mistaken for foot and mouth disease. Saturday's outbreak was in neighbouring Worcestershire. The farmer's 418 pigs were slaughtered yesterday. When the epidemic was mistaken for foot and mouth disease, the Ministry of Agriculture quarantined the area and ordered all livestock killed.

PHANTOM. — Hungarian scientists have devised a "phantom man" — a machine simulating human body functions — to measure radiation on earth and outer space. It could also be used for radiation therapy research into cancer, the Hungarian news agency MTI said.

GREEK P.M. PLEDGES MORE LIBERAL RULE

ATHENS (Reuter). — Greek Prime Minister George Papadopoulos on Saturday night announced the personal lifting of martial law and procedural measures which may lead to the reduction of prison terms of about 250 political prisoners.

Addressing the nation in a year-long speech, Mr. Papadopoulos, who is also regent, said that he would not hand over power to the country's politicians prematurely and separate the achievements of the last five years. Mr. Papadopoulos said that the group of officers who seized their lives to save the country from the conditions prevailing prior to the 1967 revolution had no intention of retaining power for ever.

"We shall transfer power to the Greek people because we came to power for this reason and we have stated this repeatedly," the Prime

Minister said. He added that only a few articles of the 1968 Constitution approved by the Greek people, were still in abeyance. These articles deal mainly with the election and functioning of Parliament, he said.

Commenting on the Prime Minister's speech, Liberal politician Demetrios Papaspyrou, Speaker of the last Parliament, said: "No one abroad or at home is going to be misled. The dictatorship continues with methods used by Goebbels with all their disastrous repercussions for the nation and the Greek people who continue to suffer under its yoke."

Mr. Papaspyrou, 72, has been arrested and banished to remote villages several times for his attacks against the present military-backed regime.

U.S. College of Electors meets today

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — A body of 538 Americans will gather in the capitals of the 50 states and the District of Columbia today to confirm what everyone already knows — that President Richard Nixon will begin a new four-year term on January 20. They are the members of the Electoral College, the 18th century device which actually chooses the nation's chief executive.

The electors have been chosen according to the popular vote in each state recorded in the Presidential election last November 7. President Nixon, in a landslide victory, then captured every state except Massachusetts, and is therefore assured of 521 electoral college votes. The 14 electors in Massachusetts will cast their ballots for the defeated Democratic candidate, Senator George McGovern, as will the three electors from the District of Columbia, the nation's capital of Washington.

Also chosen by the electoral college will be Vice-President Spiro Agnew for a second four-year term. But the Electoral College vote will not be officially announced immediately.

Certified lists of votes cast for the two offices are sent to the President of the U.S. Senate. On January 6, the President of the Senate, presiding at a joint session of Congress, opens the certificates and the votes are counted by tellers.

The number of electors accorded each state is determined by the size of the congressional delegation — members of the House of Representatives plus two Senators each. Normally, the electors pledge to vote for the nominees of their party. When Americans vote for President and Vice-President they are in fact voting for slates of electors pledged to their candidates.

Numberous attempts have been made to eliminate or change the electoral college system, including proposals for direct election of the President and Vice-President by popular vote. Further attempts are expected to be made in the forthcoming congressional session.

Tokyo: most expensive city

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — A new U.N. survey of the cost-of-living of international officials in 85 cities around the world shows that Tokyo is the most expensive of them all.

The survey, in the latest monthly bulletin of statistics, brings out that Tokyo's cost-of-living is 137 per cent of New York's. The only other cities on the list more expensive than New York are Conakry, Guinea, 111 per cent, Rome, Tokyo, 108 per cent, and Paris, 103 per cent.

Living is cheapest in Montevideo,

Uruguay, where it costs only 52 per cent of what it does in New York. In Santiago, Chile, it costs 55 per cent, in Buenos Aires, 61 per cent, in Damascus, 63 per cent, and in Cairo, 69 per cent.

It is 76 per cent in Tel Aviv, 81 per cent in Athens and Havana, 85 per cent in London, 87 per cent in Montreal and Vienna, 89 per cent in Washington, 91 per cent in Rome and 96 per cent in Bonn. The U.N. uses the figures to calculate salary differentials for its people in the various cities to take account of their local expenses.

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U.K. navy gets £27m. destroyer

PORTSMOUTH (AP). — The British Navy's most powerful missile-firing destroyer, HMS Bristol, was handed over to its crew yesterday at this historic naval base.

The £27m. warship claims the most advanced weapons systems in the world, including twin Sea Dart missiles, three-dimensional radar and computerized guidance equipment.

A navy spokesman said the 5,650-ton destroyer, the only one of its class scheduled to be built, "can defend herself and other ships at a much longer range against surface, undersea and air attack than the older type of warship."

Brazil gets two U.S.-built subs

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP). — Two U.S.-built submarines arrived here yesterday, after being purchased by Brazil as part of a programme to revitalize its navy and become a South Atlantic sea power before the end of the decade.

The "Guanabara" and the "Rio de Janeiro" are the first of six submarines ordered by the Brazilian navy from Britain and the U.S.

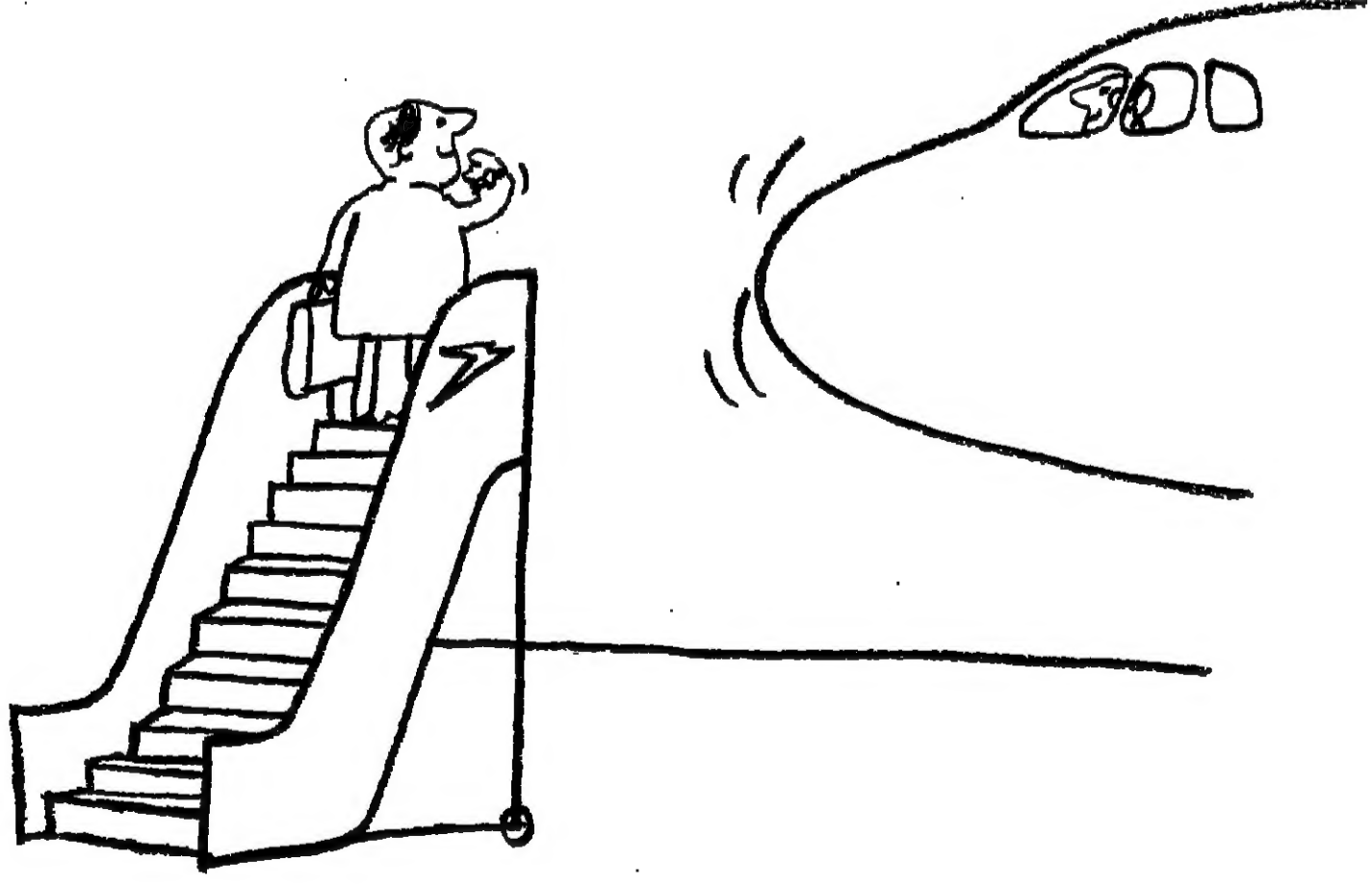
Harvard rowing win in Egypt

LUXOR, Egypt (AP). — Harvard University's rowing team yesterday beat Cambridge, Oxford, two Egyptian universities teams and Yale over a two-km. downstream course between the temples of Karnak and Luxor.

Harvard, last year's champion, finished in five minutes 17 seconds with Cambridge five seconds behind. Oxford placed third at five minutes 24 seconds. Yale trailed behind the two Egyptian teams with its eight crewmen looking tired and exhausted.

Cambridge and Oxford teams will challenge Harvard at a rematch in Cairo on Thursday.

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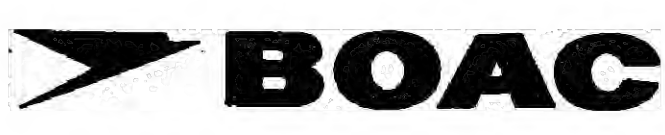
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RUSSIA IN WAR AND PEACE

Years of purge and murder

UPI Correspondent Henry Shapiro, who has served in Moscow for 40 years, tells of the growing ruthlessness of the Stalinist terror in this article, the second in a series of eight. "One after another our Russian friends disappeared," he writes.



Stalin, "the world's greatest political genius, the father of all mankind."



Andrei Vlasinsky, a crafty prosecutor who forced the accused to confess to heinous crimes.

MOSCOW (UPI). — The year 1934 dawned brightly in the then 17-year-old Soviet Union. It was to end very badly.

The revolution, civil war, famine, the travails of industrialization and collectivization, were largely in the past. The first Five-Year Plan devised by Western economists had been fairly successful. The country was embarked on the second Five-Year Plan of whose expected triumphs the delegates sang at their Feb. 17 Communist Party Congress which they labeled "The Congress of Victors."

Economic benefits to the country aside, the principal victor was Josef Stalin who suddenly claimed credit for all the country's successes.

Stalin, despite Lenin's efforts to forestall him, had already managed to outwit all his actual and potential rivals, some of them eminent leaders of the revolution, and had become the unchallenged leader.

Glorification

Four years earlier, at the 16th Party Congress, few could quarrel with the relatively modest role attributed to Stalin. But now glorification of the leader was boundless. He was "the world's greatest political genius," the "father of all mankind," almost alone he was leading the country from victory to victory to the ultimate glory of Communist society.

Why, I wondered — along with other resident foreign correspondents — such adulation? What purpose did it serve in a planned society?

The congress was not open to non-Communist correspondents but strange reports, hardly credible at the time, leaked out of the Kremlin Palace. Stalin appeared to have got rid of all his rivals but, according to the grapevine, there was a

strong movement to eliminate him and replace him with Sergei Kirov, the popular and dynamic leader of the Leningrad party organization. The congress, according to reports confirmed after Stalin's death in 1953, greeted Kirov with more enthusiasm than that accorded to Stalin, and elected the younger man to the secretaryship of the Central Committee, a position second only to Stalin's.

It appeared clear then to those who believed in the Stalin-Kirov rivalry that the campaign for the demotion of Stalin was a function of that rivalry.

There was little reason to doubt Kirov's mounting popularity but for reasons never explained he never came to Moscow to take up the secretaryship of the Central Committee. When he did finally come to the capital it was on a special funeral train, for burial on the Red Square. Kirov was killed by an assassin's bullet on Dec. 1, 1934.

The murderer was a young man, Leonid Nikolayev, who had once worked for and been fired from Kirov's Secretariat. His act shook the Communist world to its foundations and ushered in one of the bloodiest eras in Russia's tragic history.

Optimists

The night of the murder I went to Moscow's, Leningrad railroad station to see off some of my colleagues who, optimistic and foolhardy, thought they could investigate the crime on the spot.

The railroad station bristled with guns, militiamen, soldiers, security guards and plainclothesmen. Only the magic of our press cards cleared the way to the platform, the reason being Stalin himself. The supreme ruler, accompanied by Voroshilov and other members of his Politburo, were on the same train to Leningrad.

Leningrad, according to our reports, was virtually in a state of siege. The foreign press could not get within miles of the Smolny Institute which had been Lenin's and later Kirov's headquarters and

from where Stalin presided over the investigation.

Where secrecy is a law of life, fantasy knows no frontiers. As a result, many and contradictory versions of the assassination mushroomed.

Nikolayev was unbalanced (as most political assassins in America have been) and committed the crime in the belief he was performing a patriotic, political act. — The act was intended as retribution for a romance Kirov was alleged to have had with Nikolayev's wife.

It was the result of an intrigue by ambitious local security officers.

— And it was whispered in dark corners, Stalin's hand was involved in removing a dangerous rival.

Twenty-one years later, at the 20th Communist Party Congress, Stalin's most famous posthumous foe and successor, Nikita S. Khrushchev, pointing at the mysteries surrounding the Kirov assassination, hinted broadly that Stalin had masterminded it. One of his arguments maintained that all those connected with the affair, the killer himself, the security officials and eye-witnesses, had been summarily liquidated.

No evidence

Khrushchev appointed a commission to investigate the case. Hardly an objective reporter, he would have been delighted to score another point against his more illustrious predecessor. But the commission failed to come up with any evidence and the investigation eventually was quietly dropped.

Whether Stalin was implicated in the assassination or not he took full advantage of it to launch his massive purges which could have brought down the entire Communist Party and the country itself.

A so-called "Kirov Law" was hastily decreed providing for summary trial of anyone suspected of terrorist activity, and prompt execution of guilty ones without the right of appeal.

At first the blame was laid at the door of Stalin's former allies.

one-time Premier Lev Kamenev and Comintern President Grigori Zinoviev who had helped Stalin depose Leon Trotsky. Trotsky was now in foreign exile and Kamenev and Zinoviev had long been deprived of any semblance of power.

The accusations were rapidly expanded to implicate Trotsky, Nikolai Bukharin, former Premier Alexei Rykov and most persons who had the vaguest connections with any opposition to Stalin, even when opposition was legally permitted.

The bloodbath lasted until the end of 1938.

The massacre affected not only the Communist Party, many of whose high level officials were shot, but all arms of the Soviet Government, the security services including the chief purgers themselves — Genrikh Yagoda and Mikolai Yezhov — also the flower of the Red Army, the judiciary, youth leaders, writers and artists, plant managers and engineers.

"The Gods were thirsty" is the phrase used by Anatole France in describing the gullotine terror of the French Revolution. And "the revolution is devouring its own children," defendant Christian Rakovsky, once Premier of the Ukraine and Ambassador to London, cried in his defence at his trial which I attended.

Non-Communist foreigners and particularly Americans were in no danger during those nightmarish days. Nor were rank and file Soviet workers and peasants affected. Members of the Party, especially high-ranking ones, Soviet and foreign were the principal victims.

The climate was too charged with tragedy and grief for any sensitive person to remain unmoved. All foreign residents suffered with the country. One after another our Russian friends and acquaintances disappeared, at best because they wanted to avoid the risk of meeting foreigners, at worst because they were arrested, deported or shot.

Few of the tens, if not hundreds, of thousands of the purge victims

were tried publicly. Many were picked up after a dread midnight knock on the door and were summarily convicted by a trio of security officials.

There were only three public trials which a group of foreign correspondents, including me, and ambassadors were permitted to attend.

"I believe everything but the facts," one British reporter exclaimed as we heard famous revolutionary leaders such as Bukharin, whom Lenin once called "the darling of our party," and other old revolutionaries who had endured Czarist prison and foreign exile, stand up one after another to plead guilty.

The charges

The charges were murder, plotting to overthrow the Soviet Government, conspiracy with the Nazis to betray the Soviet Union, sabotage and espionage. Once the decision had been made to liquidate these men, most of them old enemies of Stalin, the whole criminal code was thrown at them.

At one of the trials I sat next to U.S. Ambassador Joseph Davies and after the sentences were pronounced I went to his Spassko House residence to discuss with him what we had seen and heard.

Davies had once been a county prosecutor in Wisconsin. "I've had plenty of experience with criminal types," he said, "and I know a criminal when I see one." He was convinced he had looked guilty in the face.

Perhaps, I thought, when men of such remarkable intelligence and achievement as some of the defendants we watched have spent a year in jail, are in the dock surrounded by armed guards, and are at the mercy of so crafty a prosecutor as Andrei Vlasinsky forcing them to confess to most heinous crimes, they do look like criminals.

But thinking of Bukharin's gentle appearance, his finely chiseled face, his blue and liquid eyes, and, especially, his remarkable ad-

dress to the court in which he refused to accept the fate of it all, I could not agree with the ambassador. What I did think was that by the rules of the game, some of which the defendants had helped work out and might have applied if the situation had been reversed and Stalin stood in the dock, the Bukharins had never given up the struggle to unseat Stalin. I recalled, too, that early in the struggle for the succession to Lenin, Bukharin had described Stalin as a "Genghis Khan who will slaughter us all."

Some of the defendants were dedicated Communists who, in their own minds, were probably convinced that Stalin was betraying the revolution. They were in the opposition when it was legal and there was no reason to believe they had accepted Stalin when the opposition was outlawed.

That may be why while most of the purge victims have been those who were tried publicly — Bukharin, Rykov, Radek, Zinoviev, Kamenev, etc. — remain legally unrehabilitated.

"There are no plans to re-examine their cases," Lev Smirnov, President of the USSR Supreme Court, told me recently.

Official view

Although in the official view Stalin was correct in seeking to neutralize such oppositionists as Bukharin, Zinoviev, Kamenev and the followers of Trotsky, few will say today that they deserved execution. The charges against them of espionage and sabotage and of plotting to dismember the Soviet Union have been dropped from current histories.

Why did those men confess? The most charitable explanation at the time was that old Bolsheviks, feeling doomed anyhow, thought a confession might be their last contribution to a cause for which they had fought all their lives. This hypothesis was persuasively presented in Arthur Koestler's "Darkness at Noon."

By the time of the trials, Adolf Hitler, was in power in Germany and on the war path. So were the Japanese militarists. Khrushchev, and other orators at the 20th Party Congress, said that in many cases there were other reasons for the confessions. They meant illegal pressure such as torture or threats of torture to extract incriminating evidence.

The last word on the subject has not been said yet. The question we asked ourselves at the time and are still asking is this: why did Stalin allow the potentially suicidal purge to go so far when he had the situation so well in hand? With Kirov out of the way, there was no conceivable threat to Stalin's position, it could be argued. The country was forging

ahead economically and despite the Nazi danger the Soviet international position was improving steadily. A new constitution, promising substantial democratic reforms, was being promulgated; no dom in world history had a ruler enjoyed such a firm hold on his country.

"Victors are not condemned," Soviet communist recently told me when I asked him to explain the rationale of Stalin's purges. "Victims my interlocutor meant was even Khrushchev had conceded — Stalin had done a creditable job in consolidating the Soviet power and in establishing the foundation of Soviet industrial might. Who Khrushchev would not agree to, as foreign military observers reject this position, was that Stalin had played a key role in the defence of Germany."

'Automatic enemies'

Stalin could not dissociate himself from his vision of Communism. To paraphrase the words of a much less accomplished American politician, "what was good for Stalin was good for the Soviet Union," and what was bad for Stalin was bad for Communism. He who opposed Stalin, or Stalin thought opposed him, was automatically "An Enemy of the People" and subject to extermination.

It was a vicious circle. I started with Stalin's fear of opposition and his granting of an arbitrary power to the police. At one point it was no longer the Communist Party that ruled the country; but Stalin who ruled the party, the armed forces and above all the security organs.

The more enemies they found the more Stalin was convinced of their existence. The process once set in motion snowballed. It was greedily advanced by such ruthless careerists as Yagoda Yezhov and Lavrenti Beria who were always ready to deliver what he thought the master wanted. Evidence of guilt was easy to produce

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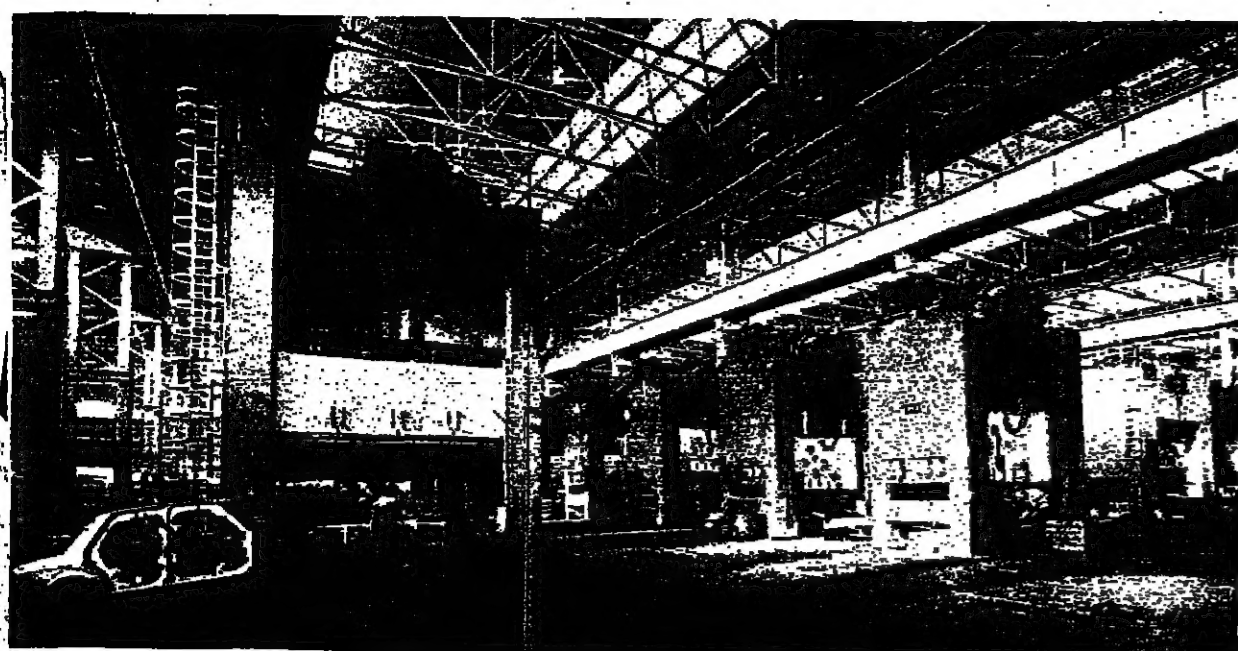
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CAR PAGE



Giant presses stamp out car body parts at the Fiat plant at Rivalta.

How Fiat turns out 7,000 cars a day

TO the world, Fiat is the name of a car. To Italians it is a national institution providing employment for 156,000 and constituting perhaps the most cohesive factor in Italy's troubled economy.

The firm, founded in 1899 by several of Turin's leading citizens, is a common stock company with all of its 300 million shares in private hands. Although it was originally established to manufacture motor vehicles, Fiat today makes products as diverse as trains, planes, earthmoving equipment and components or atomic reactors. It has marine and aircraft divisions and it owns foundries and paint manufacturing plants. It has its own housing schemes and sick benefit funds.

The company's 40 plants in Italy extend from the north to the tip of the "boot" in the south. Fiat also controls 35 plants in countries around the world, the Soviet Union among them.

Fiat today is one of the largest industrial concerns in Western Europe. Basically, Fiat still manufactures cars — over 7,000 every day. The largest single plant is Mirafiori, which produces the Fiat 500, the 127, variations of the 124 and the relatively new 132. It also makes the engines for all Auto-vaunched cars and the 850 Sport.

The explanation was given — turns sheets of pre-cut metal into car floors, doors, roofs and sides.

The sheets are fed into the presses manually. A worker stands for eight hours a day, five days a week, turning 40 degrees to the right, picking up a sheet of metal and then turning 40 degrees to the left, to place the sheet on the press mould. From there on the process is more or less automatic. After seven or eight movements you have the floor, door or roof of an embryo Fiat.

Mechanical arms pick up the various pressed sheets and place them on a conveyor belt, which moves them to the welding shop. There men, and women (a recent innovation) spot-weld the sections into a complete car skeleton. Then the body moves along an endless assembly line, picking up additional sections at hundreds of stations.

Separate conveyor belts feed these stations with sub-sections pieced together in other parts of the plant.

The entire process is regulated by computer. At all stages of the operation the stations have enough components. At all times workers have ample time to complete their tasks. At all times every component is checked to make sure that no faulty parts are built into a car before it moves on.

60,000 workmen

Mirafiori has a total area of some 3.5m. square metres, half under roof. Divided into three main sections the plant is linked by 14 kilometres of internal subway and 0.7 km. of railway. Over 60,000 workmen clock in every morning to operate the 13,000 machine tools and work in the research and testing laboratories. More than 200 kilometres of overhead conveyor belts constantly move parts from one section of the factory to another. Essentially all the separate components come together on the final assembly line.

Touring the factory can be an overwhelming experience. The mind struggles at the vastness of the plant. As far as the eye can see machines and men work in a haze of blue smoke. The sounds of the ant presses, the constant movement of parts overhead, the machine-like actions of the workers and the backdrop of flying sparks add an air of unreality to the atmosphere.

A guide explains that the main components of a car are manufactured in different sections of the plant. The press room — where plates

As a car reaches the final stage petrol is put into the tank, and what was only a sheet of metal and a mass of components a few hours earlier is driven off to the dispatch zone.

From start to finish each car has its own set of instructions since all orders are placed in advance. The computer knows that steel sheet number so and so is to become a two-tone Fiat 132, 1800 special with automatic gear, Coat tyres and a long-life battery — extras the customer paid the Fiat agent for in Bolivia.

In 1967 Fiat built an even more modern plant, at Rivalta, about an hour from Turin. Whereas Mirafiori grew with Fiat, Rivalta was planned with an eye to the future. Here ventilation and lighting are better and expansion can be undertaken in any department without interrupting production. The plant covers an area of 2.5m. square metres, with almost a quarter under roof and employs about 18,000 people.

A group of Israeli journalists recently toured part of Fiat's giant manufacturing complex in Italy. *POST* Reporter Hirsh Goodman gives his impressions.

Fewer died on the roads this year

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TRAFFIC accidents have claimed 22 fewer fatalities so far this year than last year. Until the end of November 1971 599 persons had been killed on the road, while this year there were 577.

Deputy Transport Minister Gad Ya'acoby released these figures at a press conference in Tel Aviv last week marking the end of the annual November Safety Month campaign. The 3.5 per cent decrease in fatalities for the 11-month period is accompanied by a 5 per cent decrease over last year for the month of November. If the administered territories are included, however, there is a 4.6 per cent increase for November, Mr. Ya'acoby said.

Summing up the activities of Safety Month, the Deputy-Minister said that police had inspected 8,200 cars and trucks at road blocks. As a result of these spot checks 780 vehicles were ordered off the road for repairs. In the areas, 950 vehicles were inspected and 150 found not roadworthy, he said.

Police also issued 5,240 summonses for moving violations, 2,800 for cars in unsafe condition, and 640 for carrying loads in a manner likely to endanger traffic. A total of 1,440 pedestrians were issued summonses for jaywalking.

Concerned citizens

Tel Aviv's safety patrolmen took an active part in the activities of Safety Month, Mr. Ya'acoby said.

The liaison offices set up by the Ministry in cooperation with local authorities handled 1,967 calls from concerned citizens about safety hazards, such as malfunctioning traffic lights and oil spilled on roads. Seventy per cent of these complaints were seen to within ten days, Mr. Ya'acoby said.

Guided by the National Council for the Prevention of Accidents and the Education Ministry about 20,000 school children took part in a campaign for courtesy and cleanliness on buses.

This year for the first time the army took an active part in Safety Month, with military police stepping up checking of vehicles and drivers.

At Mr. Ya'acoby's initiative every soldier will be issued with a reflector armband for use while hitchhiking at night. Many soldiers have been hit by cars while standing at the roadside in the dark, waiting for a "tramp."

The Safety Month campaign headquarters was headed by N. Tel-Nir, Secretary of the National Council for the Prevention of Accidents.

Board to advise on trucking

The Transport Ministry last week approved the establishment of a 31-member board to advise the Government on all matters concerning the trucking industry. The setting up of the board was one of the conditions in preventing the strike threatened by the truckers at the beginning of October.

The Government will have 10 representatives on the new board, the truckers 13, and the principal industries using trucking services eight, the Transport Ministry spokesman announced. The board will make recommendations on problems such as haulage rates, air pollution control (diesel emissions) and overloading.

Why customers change garages

A U.S. survey on "Why customers change garages," gives these figures:

- 67 per cent, because of poor service;
- 14 per cent, dissatisfied with work done;
- nine per cent, prices too high;
- five per cent, have friend or relative working at competing garage;
- four per cent, because of change of residence, one per cent, car owner died.

The survey was quoted — without comment — in the journal of the Israel Garage Owners' Association.

LOOKING AFTER THE WIPERS

By JOSS JOSELYN
WE all take windshield wipers for granted — until the day they fail. Then what started out as a pleasant drive ends in a nightmare of eye strain and irritation.

Wipers too need maintenance. The blades should be checked every few weeks. To work as an effective squeegee, the edge of the rubber that sweeps the glass should be square. Once it is rounded it becomes less effective. When it gets paper thin, broken and shredded, it cannot clear water from the screen and the result is blurred vision and danger.

The simplest answer is to fit new blades.

But you must make sure you get the right size. Otherwise you may find them getting tangled with each other or sweeping only part of the screen. Fitting is merely a matter of lifting a spring clip and pulling off the old blade from the arm. The replacement just slots in. It is also very important to keep the blades clean. Wash them with warm soap water every time you clean the car.

Greasy dirt on the rubber will result in "instant smearing" when you use the blades and it can take hours of use before they clean off and the screen clears.

Worse than this is the gritty type of dirt. If there are sharp stones embedded in your blade, it will not take long to cut a series of parallel gouges in a curved track across your screen.

When the sun is low on the horizon or you are driving against headlights on a wet night — the refracted light will irritate beyond belief — and worse, you will not be able to see.

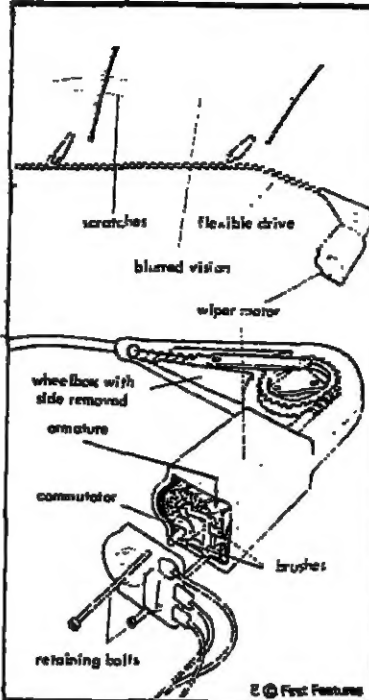
Another fault with wipers is "judder." This results in an imperfect "wipe" and the noise vibrating monotonously with every sweep is extremely distracting. This malfunction is caused by a blade which is not in line with the glass. Take off the wiper blade and look at the plane of the flat arm in relation to the screen. Use a pair of pliers to twist it until it is in line.

If you find that fitting new blades does not improve the wiper's action and the water is still not being cleared from the glass, take a look at the springs inside the arms at the bottom. You may find a broken spring or one so rusty that it is completely ineffective. In this case you have to replace the arms.

Wiper motors often fail for nothing worse than worn brushes. The instant cure so far as many garages are concerned is a new motor. But very often all you need is a set of replacement brushes, which cost very little. If your garage is not interested, a good auto-electrician will do the work for you.

Why not try it yourself? Unless the motor is inaccessible, there are no real snags. Remove two long, thin bolts and off comes the cover. Then the case comes off together with the brushes. The drawing makes it clear how they fit.

Remember to spring the brushes apart when you refit and clean the commutator with a rag. This job could save you a lot of money.



Flowers for policewoman

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A woman driver, passing a busy intersection here yesterday morning, handed a large bouquet of flowers to Traffic Policewoman Pirhiya Avraham, who is posted during the morning rush hour at the Gela-Petah Tikva Road junction.

A small note inside the bouquet read: "To the redheaded policewoman, with gratitude. When you direct traffic here, it really moves."

Clearing rush-hour traffic by radio

The introduction of morning rush-hour radio broadcasts to help motorists on main traffic arteries to avoid bottlenecks was discussed recently by safety authorities.

Transport Ministry, police and broadcasting officials are examining plans to use such broadcasts to steer motorists away from bottlenecks resulting from malfunctioning traffic lights or accidents. Acting on the radio warning, drivers could use alternative routes to reach their destination.

Operated without a licence

TEL AVIV. — The owners of two automotive repair shops were fined in the Magistrate's Court here recently for operating their businesses without a licence, the Transport Ministry spokesman said.

David Malka was fined IL1,500 and bound over for IL2,500 for operating a body shop without a licence. He had been fined for the same offence several times in the past.

Shilo Ben George was fined IL2,000 and bound over for IL3,000 for failing to obtain a licence for his tyre repair shop. He too had been fined before, the spokesman said.

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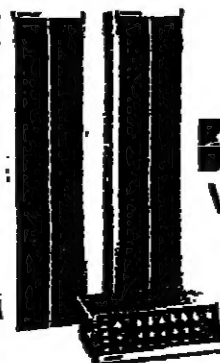
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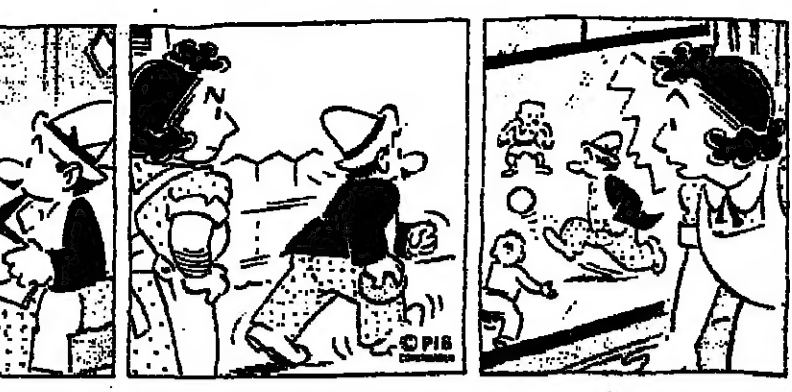
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THE RADIO'S PRIVATE WAR

FOR two days, Israel Radio has been carrying on a private war — happily without bullets or bloodshed — with Jordan. "Private," because no government ministry admits to having been the source of the serious warnings reported to Jordan in successive broadcasts.

The original report apparently arrived in the form of a rumour brought by a visitor, who said he had heard that Jordan was about to allow the terrorists to re-establish themselves in Jerash and Ajlun, in southern Jordan. A similar report also reached the BBC from its Beirut correspondent, who is reputed to have close terrorist sources.

The radio has offered no explanation of the "warning," not even that it was an unfortunate mistake, it declares that there was no attempt to bolster the original report, but only coincidence; in fact that nothing

happened at all. But while individual radio journalists and editors are as much entitled to their opinions and their mistakes as the rest of us, the Radio as a body must be aware of the inescapable fact that their news reports have not only a state monopoly but a captive audience here, in Jordan, and wherever they can be heard.

The episode is now presumably ended. One observer has put forward the theory that Israel seeks normalisation in the West Bank and in relations with Jordan as the only secure road to peace, and that a sophisticated terrorist source in Beirut might employ the methods of psychological warfare in the hope of disrupting the relatively smooth relations that now exist.

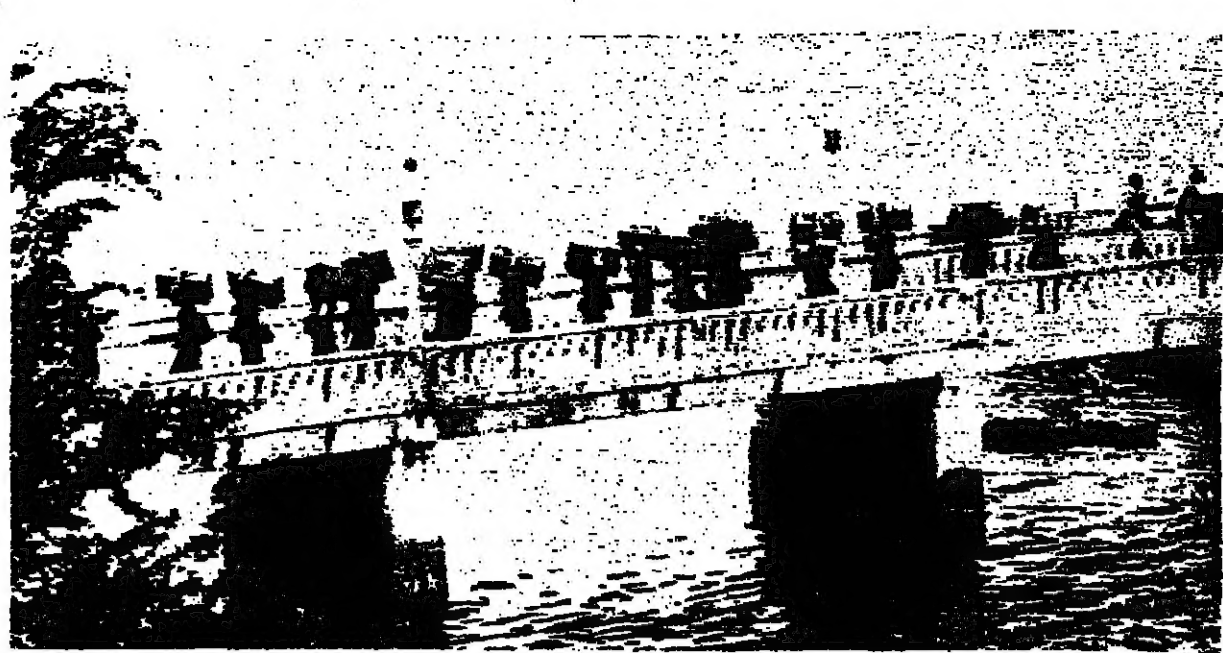
Unfortunately, the matter is more easily explained as a piece of inept psychological warfare linked with the debate on the areas that has been in progress inside the Knesset by Defence Minister Dayan last week that the situation in the areas seemed satisfactory could be seen as a new stage in the argument.

It is fortunate that Mr. Yigal Allon, who is responsible for the Radio in his capacity of Deputy Prime Minister, returned from the U.S. on Friday, in good time, that is, not only to express his own views on the political situation but also to discover for himself just what happened in the Radio.

The mysterious Chinese of Tanzania

About 20,000 Chinese are working on building a rail line from Zambia to Tanzania. The Chinese keep to themselves, have no

money to spend and show little interest in their surroundings. Peter Thomas, a Gemini correspondent, reports here.



Chinese railworkers disembark at Dar-es-Salaam. Each carries an identical new fibre suitcase. (Gemini)

DAR-ES-SALAAM — A CANTON-registered steamship ties up in Dar-es-Salaam harbour on a quiet Sunday afternoon. For a while there is unaccustomed activity. Lighters chug to and fro between the ship and the jetty — each bringing a batch of identically dressed Chinese, every one with his own, identical, brand-new fibre suitcase.

By the end of the afternoon, almost a thousand Chinese have disembarked. They have been rushed through the formalities — there is no individual identity-checking or customs examination — and packed into brand-new lorries. They are then driven away.

Though over the last 40 months thousands of Chinese have entered Tanzania like this, they are rarely seen in public after their first appearance. In the streets of Dar-es-Salaam little knots of five or six Mao-badged men are to be seen occasionally, wandering past the shops window-shopping but never buying, chattering brightly to one another in their own language.

firm that the figure of 20,000 Chinese living and working in Tanzania which was recently released by the Tanzanian authorities is substantially correct.

What are all these Chinese doing in Tanzania? People's China, though not regarding itself as a super-power like the Russians and the Americans, has been a real presence in Africa during the last ten years — the "decade of independence" for most of the continent's sub-Saharan nations.

Yet there has been a difference. The Chinese for long preferred to keep a low profile in Africa, and though they were more in evidence in left-leaning countries like Guinea, Somalia and Tanzania than in other more capitalist states like Nigeria, Ivory Coast or Kenya, until recently the diplomatic and bilateral aid activities of other powers — notably the U.S., Britain and France — eclipsed anything that was being done in Africa by the Chinese.

Now all that has changed, in two countries at least. When, years ago, British "experts" advised their government to have nothing to do with a railway from Lusaka and the

Copperbelt to Dar-es-Salaam — a line of communication that would free land-locked Zambia from dependence on outlets through minority-ruled Mozambique and Rhodesia — they did so on the grounds that such a railway would not be "economically viable."

It was inevitable that the Tanzanians and Zambians should look elsewhere for help. And they found it — in Peking. The Chinese agreed to finance the building of the multi-million dollar railway, and, for the past three years, thousands of Chinese workers and thousands of tons of Chinese material have poured into Dar-es-Salaam harbour to push the railhead forward through areas of Tanzania with considerable agricultural potential to mineral-rich regions of Zambia.

So well have the Chinese worked that the railway — originally scheduled to start operating by 1976 — will probably be ready a full two years early.

Nor is the Tan-Zam railway the only Chinese aid project in Tanzania. They are deeply involved in training the army — the People's Defence Force, as it is modestly called. Young conscripts in the National Service Units work on Chinese-organized agricultural schemes, often rice-paddies or vegetable farms.

There is a Chinese-built radio station just outside Dar-es-Salaam, still partly run and maintained by Chinese personnel. The "Freundschaft" textile mill in the Dar suburbs — the country's largest — was built by the Chinese who still play a considerable role in its running. And there are other Chinese projects.

The impact of a large number of foreign workers on Tanzania might be thought likely to be considerable. Yet the evidence points the other way. Outside Dar-es-Salaam, where the Chinese built their main base of operations in the suburb of Kurasini, few Tanzanians have ever seen a Chinese. And apart from the African railway-workers, fewer still have had anything concrete to do with them.

The Chinese rail workers show little curiosity about their new surroundings, though surely Dar-es-Salaam must be at least as exotic to a Cantonese labourer as it would be to a railwayman from Crewe or Foughekepsie.

from Embassy staff and diplomatic wives — causes ribald speculation among the sociable Tanzanians.

Devout, sometimes bigoted Muslims — and there are plenty of these in Tanzania, especially on the coast — look with grave misgivings on these militant, self-admitted atheists. The worst moment in Chinese-Tanzanian relations came when the Chinese engineers refused to reroute the railway around an old cemetery, a line of action which brought a crowd of shrieking Muslims to their camp.

But about the ability of the Chinese to get down cheerfully and determinedly to the job at hand there is no disagreement. Work on the line is way ahead of schedule. Even more remarkable has been the effect that labouring alongside the Chinese has had on the notoriously lazy coast Africans.

One European resident of Kurasini told of watching the teams of Chinese and African workers "clocking in" every morning. At first the African contingent was typical — shambling up at all hours, dressed in rags, and far from enthusiastic.

Marching to work

"Within six weeks," declared the European, "all this was totally changed. The Africans, like the Chinese, were marching to work singing songs, and dressed in smart if simple, workers' suits and coiled hats. No one has ever seen a sight like that in Africa before."

What then, are the Chinese "after"? The Tanzanian and Zambian governments believe that they are helping to build the railway from motives of pure altruism, to assist their African brothers escape from the ties imposed on them by "colonialism, neo-colonialism and imperialism."

Other observers — notably the Americans and the Russians — are convinced that Tanzania is destined to be China's bridgehead into Africa, a bridgehead that will bring Chinese-stable Communism to the continent.

However, there is to date no real evidence that this is the true intention. The Chinese, having expressed a willingness to build a railway, have proceeded to do so with remarkable skill and perseverance. And if the effect of seeing Chinese workmen is to inspire their African counterparts with the will to work in the Chinese way, then, say many of the continent's well-wishers, is much the better for Africa.

The rumours

Horrid little stories are told about them by bated-breathed foreign residents of Dar: how they have all had an intensive six-months course in Kiswahili and speak it perfectly; how they are all really men of the PLA, ready to talk over the continent at the drop of a chopstick.

Quite untrue, of course. Only the senior officials and organizers know any Kiswahili at all — often barely enough to manage. And those who have seen the Chinese at work on the Tan-Zam line say that they are undoubtedly experienced railwaymen.

To the vast majority of Africans, the Chinese are a closed book — and are looked upon either with amusement or suspicion. Their lack of cash causes mystification: if they can afford to build the railway, how come they never have any money to spend? Their shabby, baggy clothes cause giggles on the streets of Dar-es-Salaam.

And their apparent lack of any sex-life — there are hardly any Chinese women in the country apart

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U.N. INCITEMENT

Hetzfoze (National Religious) comments on the latest U.N. General Assembly recommendation not to recognize any changes introduced by Israel in the areas occupied in 1967: "This resolution is based on a U.N. committee's report made up entirely of falsehoods concerning the situation in the areas — to the effect that Israeli forces are engaged in destruction of villages and suppression in the area. The truth is that most inhabitants of the areas have undergone an improvement in the economic and social status."

ing in the U.N. Assembly is to provide justification for Arab terrorism: "Indeed, the cumulative impression of these resolutions has already had its effect, which is apparent in enhanced intransigence in the position of the Arab countries, and in renewed preparation for further terrorist action in Europe as well as in this region."

She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael) refers to rumours of a revived American interest in the Middle East: "The U.S. tends at present to refrain from initiatives. This decision is influenced by the slow-down in the Vietnam peace talks, as well as by the uncertainty concerning the stability of Sadat's regime. The U.S. attitude is close to the position taken by Israel, which is of the opinion that the best solution is direct negotiations resulting from initiatives from within the region itself."

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Readers' letters

Ultimatum on peace

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Israel, since the day of its rebirth in 1948, has tried to reach peace with its neighbours. Day after day, however, the Arabs give voice to their eternal hatred of the Jewish state, indicating that they will never recognize Israel, and letting it clearly be understood, that in respect of temporary arrangements, the long-range aims of all Arab states is the physical destruction of Israel.

As for Israel, it also cherishes a dream, namely to live in the Middle East like the Danes live in Scandinavia — peacefully and without the fold of a brotherly ethnic group, to do away with its army, to trade freely, to travel freely, and to exchange know-how freely.

An equally impossible dream! The Arabs, rent with inferiority complexes, are quite unable to relinquish their unforgiving hatred of the more successful Semite brother.

What is to be done? Israel wants to get on with the job and not be bogged down for ever by the Israel-Arab problem. The time may have arrived when Israel must serve its neighbours with a Peace Ultimatum. It could be a very short one:

"We give you three months in which to declare publicly your preparedness to open direct peace negotiations with us, the aims of which must be the establishment of mutually accepted borders. A further aim of direct negotiations is the mutual de jure and de facto recognition with all the ensuing consequences. If, at the end of three months, no positive answer is forthcoming, Israel will unilaterally and irrevocably annex all territories within the present armistice lines."

The Arabs can accept or reject such an ultimatum. In either case it would put an end to a wholly unacceptable situation. BERTFOLD WYLER Geneva, November 29.

JOB AFTER COLLEGE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — As a graduate of the Hadassah Community College, I would like to comment on the article which appeared as an advertisement in The Post on November 13 concerning the graduation ceremonies at the College.

As you know, several different courses were offered. I studied scientific and technical photography. Of the 16 students who completed the course in July, only six have been able to find work. For this sorry state of affairs, the College is more than partially responsible.

In spite of many promises that we would be aided in finding suitable employment, the college held only one exhibition of our work, and that in June, which was too late to attract employers for the 1972-73 fiscal year as budgets had been made out months earlier.

If there really are almost no jobs for trained photographers in Israel, perhaps the college should think twice about continuing the course, for which students invest two years of their lives, and several thousand pounds.

MOSHE GOLDEN Jerusalem, November 13.

Hadassah College replies:

Out of 16 graduating students, five found employment with scientific institutions, two decided to become independent photographers and one each found employment with a technical institute, an electronic plant, a large colour laboratory, a photographic studio and an army unit. One graduate decided to continue studies. Mr. Golden was also offered various jobs which, however, he declined.

Though no promises whatever were made about employment for graduates, we were instrumental in making contacts with interested parties. The open day we arranged, of which the exhibition mentioned was a feature, was only one of these means.

The recent advertisement by the Hebrew University for a scientific photographer and further requests which appeared in The Jerusalem Post and other newspapers simply prove the need for well trained photographic technicians. E. OFFENBACHER Head, Department of Scientific and Technical Photography Jerusalem, December 7.

MORAL STRENGTH OF ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In her "plain talk" with the editorial staff of The Jerusalem Post in the 40th Anniversary issue (December 7), Prime Minister Golda Meir mentioned, beside other points, "some Israelis" who "began to question their moral right to be here during the Kirit and Biram episode."

As one of the rather numerous Israelis who took part in the impressive Arab-Jewish demonstration in Jerusalem in August this year, for the sake of justice to the people of Biram and Kirit, I really cannot accept the Prime Minister's attitude on this important issue.

Having taken an active part in most of Israel's wars in our generation (from the days of the Jewish Brigade in Italy to the war of attrition on the Suez Canal in

1969), and being a member of the Prime Minister's Labour Party, I never did, of course, cast any doubt on "our moral right to be here."

However, I am fully convinced that, instead of looking at the many Israelis who supported the just case of the people of Biram and Kirit with an abusive eye and deploring their "admission" they should rather be considered to be one of the sources of Israel's moral strength.

For peace in this country will not be attained only by superior military power (which is an absolute pre-condition), but perhaps not less by displaying an attitude of justice and fairness towards our Arab neighbours, by the Government and people of Israel alike. YEHUDA BEN-MOSHE Jerusalem, December 10.

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CHILD'S WISDOM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — With reference to our galloping inflation, I was struck by a rather pronounced similarity of outlook between my youngest granddaughter, now nine and a half, and some vociferous spokesmen of our more extremist workers' strike-action committees.

When my wife, wanting to be fair, voluntarily and absolutely not, repeat not, pressed by the local fourth-graders' pupils' committee, added IL0.25 to our granddaughters' weekly allowance to compensate her for the overall increase in the prices of what she considers the essentials in her young life, i.e., cake and not bread, she said gleefully:

"I do hope that prices will keep going up, then Granny will probably add even more to my pocket-money!"

It seems that the child has succeeded in deflating the economic realities of life better than a certain, popular leader of our workers might like. ARNOLD ANDERMANN Kiryat Ono, December 11.

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